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1. REGARDING PARAGRAPH 4 OF REF A, WE WILL PROVIDE GUID-
ANCE ON TSG ISSUES WHEN THE TOR HAVE BEEN AGREED.
2. THE US AGREES THERE ARE PROBLEMS WITH PRESENT IDENTI-
FICATION EQUIPMENTS. WE ARE AWARE OF THE NECESSITY TO
ADDRESS THE SELF-INTERFERENCE PROBLEM, AND IF NECESSARY,
TO ACT AS A CATALYST TO IDENTIFY AND IMPLEMENT SOLUTIONS
TO THIS PROBLEM.

AVAILABILITY OF US R AND D PERSONNEL TO DISCUSS THESE
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MATTERS IN THE NECESSARY DETAIL AND TO CONTRIBUTE TO A
PLAN OF ACTION IS DEPENDENT ON TIMELY COMPLETION OF TASKS
ASSIGNED THROUGH AC-259 ON FUTURE IFF. ACCORDING TO
ITS CURRENT SCHEDULE, WE BELIEVE QUALIFIED PERSONNEL COULD
BE AVAILABLE IN THE MAY 77 TIMEFRAME.

THE US PLANS TO FULLY COMPLY WITH STANAG 5017 (EDITION 2).

MR. E.D. GREINKE, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR COMBAT SUPPORT

DDR AND E WILL BE IN BRUSSELS ON JANUARY 24 TO ATTEND NATO SPECIAL TASK GROUP MEETING ON IFF. HE WOULD BE PLEASED TO CONVEY PERSONALLY TO DR. LABERGE THE DDR AND E COMMITMENT IN THIS AREA.

3. IN GENERAL, WE AGREE WITH THE COMMENT CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPH 6 OF REF A THAT THE DRG, ALTHOUGH NOT NECESSARILY INVOLVED DIRECTLY IN 'EQUIPMENT AREAS OF CONCERN,' IS INVOLVED IN A BROAD SCOPE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY MATTERS WITH DESIGN CRITERIA FOR EQUIPMENT AS ITS END POINT. ACCORDINGLY, THE DRG SHOULD CONTINUE TO COME UNDER THE PURVIEW OF THE CNAD. IT MAY BE PRUDENT TO DEVELOP A SET OF GROUND RULES OR GENERAL CRITERIA TO GUIDE DRG EFFORTS. WE WOULD SEE THIS AS AN UPDATING OF CM 66 (33). WE PLAN TO PROVIDE OUR RECOMMENDATIONS ON SUCH GROUND RULES OR GENERAL CRITERIA BY SEPTTEL WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

4. REGARDING PARAGRAPH 7 OF REF A., WE DO NOT HAVE A STRONG POSITION ON WHETHER THE APRIL CNAD MEETING SHOULD BE 2 OR 3 DAYS. WE WOULD BE WILLING TO LIMIT US ATTENDANCE TO NADS PLUS FOUR UNLESS THE AGENDA REQUIRES US TO HAVE REPRESENTATION FROM OSD (I AND L) AS WELL.

5. REGARDING PARAGRAPH 8 OF REF A, THE US RESERVATION IN STANAG 4107 WHICH REQUIRES THAT THE US BE REIMBURSED FOR CONFIDENTIAL

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ALL QUALITY ASSURANCE SERVICES IS BASED ON FACT THAT WE HAVE NO LEGAL AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE SUCH DEFENSE SERVICES TO NATO ON OTHER THAN FULLY REIMBURSABLE BASIS UNDER ARMS EXPORT CONTROL ACT. RECENT LEGISLATION AMENDING ARMS EXPORT CONTROL ACT (FORMERLY CALLED FOREIGN MILITARY SALES ACT) HAS TIGHTENED COSTING AND BILLING REQUIREMENTS IN MANIFESTATION OF STRONG CONGRESSIONAL DESIRE THAT USG RECOVER ALL COSTS OF PROVIDING SUCH SERVICES. SPECIAL IMPORTANCE OF NATO AND OF NATO STANDARDIZATION HAS ALREADY BEEN RECOGNIZED IN CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF ACT, SUCH AS THOSE PERMITTING WAIVER OF R&D CHARGES "FOR PARTICULAR SALES THAT WOULD...SIGNIFICANTLY ADVANCE" NATO STANDARDIZATION, BUT NO EXCEPTION HAS BEEN MADE TO BASIC REQUIREMENT OF FULL REIMBURSEMENT. FYI: QUESTION OF FURTHER EXCEPTIONS FOR NATO STANDARDIZATION MAY BE ADDRESSED IN CONTEXT OF REPORT REQUIRED FROM SECRETARY OF STATE UNDER SECTION 218 OF THE 1976 ACT. END FYI. WE HAVE NO AUTHORITY TO FURNISH SERVICES TO NATO ON GRANT BASIS UNDER MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROVISIONS OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT

OF 1961, AS AMENDED.

YOU MAY ALSO ADVISE DR. LABERGE THAT IN CONNECTION WITH
THE NADGE PROGRAM AND, MOST RECENTLY IN CONNECTION WITH

THE QUALITY ASSURANCE SERVICES FOR NICS THE US HAS INTRO-
DUCED SOME LIMITED FLEXIBILITY IN APPLICATION OF THIS
POLICY. IN THOSE CASES WHERE THE US HAS SUBSTANTIAL
PRODUCTION FOR US SERVICES AT THE SAME FACILITY PRODUCING
THE ITEM FOR A NATO ORGANIZATION THERE MAY NOT BE ANY
SIGNIFICANT ADDITIONAL COST IDENTIFIABLE FOR PROVISION
OF THE QUALITY ASSURANCE SERVICE TO THE NATO ORGANIZATION.

6. THE US IS PREPARING DATA FOR ITS DEFENSE EQUIPMENT
PROGRAMS AND THEIR SCHEDULES AS REQUESTED IN REF B.
WE INTEND TO PROVIDE THIS DATA, IN THE EPG FORMAT, BY
THE END OF FEBRUARY 1977.

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